



PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Frosh Files Petition for Review Following FAA Inaction on Flight Paths at BWI

BALTIMORE, MD (November 9, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced the State of Maryland has filed a [petition](#) with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit following the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) inaction regarding environmental impacts and flight paths at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport.

“Maryland citizens continue to have their lives disrupted and are subjected to intolerable noise pollution due to the NextGen program’s flight paths. For months, the FAA has refused to respond to our request for additional environmental surveys and changes to flight paths at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The FAA’s inaction is unlawful and today, my office filed a petition for review with the Court, asking the court to compel the FAA to respond and begin the process of altering flight paths at BWI. We are committed to restoring the quality of life for the thousands of Marylanders surrounding the airport.”

In June 2018, Attorney General Brian E. Frosh filed an [administrative petition](#) with the FAA requesting a supplemental environmental assessment as well as revisions to area navigation routes and procedures for BWI. In October 2017, Attorney General Frosh [selected outside counsel](#), Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, to assist the State in taking action against the FAA over its NextGen flight paths and procedures for the DC Metroplex, which includes DCA and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). The new flight paths at DCA and BWI have resulted in thousands of noise complaints from Maryland residents.